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TESTIMONY
OF THE
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
TO THE
LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) appreciates the opportunity to testify on the following bill of interest to towns and cities:

Raised Bill No. 7318, "An Act Concerning Workers' Compensation for Volunteer Firefighters"

This bill would expand workers' compensation coverage for volunteer firefighters conducting fire duties.

CCM supports the intent of this bill. Local volunteer firefighters are an extremely vital component to municipal public safety. However, Raised Bill 7318 is unclear with regard to the definition of "additional duties...".

CCM has concerns about the potential fiscal impact this new workers' compensation expansion would have on towns and cities. Without a full fiscal analysis, it is difficult to determine its total effect on municipalities.

Therefore, *CCM asks the Committee to obtain a full fiscal analysis on Raised Bill 7318* before taking any action on this proposal.



If you have any questions, please call Bob Labanara or Ron Thomas of CCM, at (203) 498-3000.